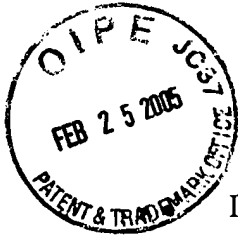


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action dated January 31, 2005, for which the period for response is set to expire on February 28, 2005.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect one of the following three inventions for prosecution in this application:

- I. Claims 1-8;
- II. Claims 9-15 and 16-19;
- III. Claim 20.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Invention I (Claims 1-8) for prosecution in this application.

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